AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims supersedes all prior listings, and versions, of claims in this application.

1. (Original) A composition useful for forming a reinforcing body, said composition comprising:

from about 20-30% by weight of an SBS block co-polymer;

from about 5-20% by weight polystyrene;

from about 0.5-5% by weight of a subber; and

from about 30-45% by weight of an epoxy resin.

- 2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, said composition further comprising from about 0.5-5% by weight of a pigment.
- 3. (Original) The composition of claim 1, said composition further comprising from about 1-10% by weight hydrated amorphous silica.
- 4. (Original) The composition of claim 1, said composition further comprising from about 10-20% glass microspheres.
- 5. (Original) The composite of claim 1, said composition further comprising from about 0.1-5% by weight of a blowing agent.
- 6. (Original) The composition of claim1, said composition further comprising from about 0.1-5% by weight of a catalyst.
- 7. (Original) The composition of claim 1, said composition further comprising from about 0.1-5% by weight of a curing agent.
- 8. (Original) The composition of claim 1, said composition further comprising a compound for lowering the blowing temperature of the composition.

9. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said rubber is a nitrile-butadiene rubber and said epoxy resin is a bisphenol A-based liquid epoxy resin, and said composition further comprises:

from about 0.5-5% by weight of a pigment;

from about 1-10% by weight hydrated amorphous silica;

from about 10-20% by weight glass microspheres;

from about 0.1-5% by weight of a blowing agent;

from about 0.1-5% by weight of a catalyst;

from about 0.1-5% by weight of a curing agent; and

up to about 5% by weight of a compound for lowering the blowing temperature of the composition.

- 10. (Original) The composition of claim 9, wherein said pigment comprises carbon black, said blowing agent comprises azodicarbonamide, said catalyst comprises N,N-dimethyl phenyl urea, said curing agent comprises dicyandiamide, and said compound for lowering the blowing temperature comprises zinc oxide.
- 11. (Original) A composition useful for forming a reinforcing body, said composition comprising:

from about 20-30% by weight of an SBS block co-polymer;

from about 5-20% by weight polystyrene;

from about 0.5-5% by weight of a rubber; and

from about 30-45% by weight of an epoxy resin,

wherein said composition has a percent expansion of from about 80-220% after heating thereof to a temperature of at least about 300°F.

12. (Original) A composition useful for forming a reinforcing body, said composition comprising:

from about 20-30% by weight of an SBS block co-polymer;

from about 5-20% by weight polystyrene;

from about 0.5-5% by weight of a rubber; and

from about 30-45% by weight of an epoxy resin,

wherein said composition has a compressive strength of at least about 1400 psi upon being expanded by heating to a temperature of at least about 300°F.

13. (Original) A composition useful for forming a reinforcing body, said composition comprising:

from about 20-30% by weight of an SBS block co-polymer;

from about 5-20% by weight polystyrene;

from about 0.5-5% by weight of a rubber; and

from about 30-45% by weight of an epoxy resin,

wherein said composition has a compressive strength of at least about 1400 psi and a percent expansion of from about 80-220% upon being expanded by heating to a temperature of at least about 300°F.

- 14. (Original) The composition of claim 13, said composition further comprising from about 0.5-5% by weight of a pigment.
- 15. (Original) The composition of claim 13, said composition further comprising from about 1-10% by weight hydrated amorphous silica.
- (Original) The composition of claim 13, said composition further comprising from about 10-20% glass microspheres.
- 17. (Original) The composite of claim 13, said composition further comprising from about 0.1-5% by weight of a blowing agent.
- 18. (Original) The composition of claim 13 said composition further comprising from about 0.5-5% by weight of a catalyst.
- 19. (Original) The composition of claim 13, said composition further comprising from about 0.1-5% by weight of a curing agent.
- 20. (Original) The composition of claim 13, said composition further comprising a compound for lowering the blowing temperature of the composition.

and said composition further comprises:

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from about 0.5-5% by weight of a pigment;

from about 1-10% by weight hydrated amorphous silica;

from about 10-20% by weight glass microspheres;

from about 0.1-5% by weight of a blowing agent;

from about 0.1-5% by weight of a catalyst;

from about 0.1-5% by weight of a curing agent; and

up to about 5% by weight of a compound for lowering the blowing temperature of the composition.

- 22. (Original) The composition of claim 21, wherein said pigment comprises carbon black, said blowing agent comprises azodicarbonamide, said catalyst comprises N,N-dimethyl phenyl urea, said curing agent comprises dicyandiamide, and said compound for lowering the blowing temperature comprises zinc oxide.
- 23. (New) A composition of claim 13 wherein the percent expansion is from about 95% to about 200%.
- 24. (New) A composition of claim 23 wherein the compressive strength is at least about 1600 psi.
- 25. (New) A composition of claim 13 wherein the percent expansion is from about 129% to about 147%.
- 26. (New) A composition of claim 25 wherein the compressive strength is from about 1422 psi to about 2129 psi.
- 27. (New) A composition of claim 25 wherein the compressive strength is at least about 1600 psi.